2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME: Provides relative to second degree murder

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 14:30.1 and to enact R.S. 14:31(A)(4) and R.S. 15:827.2(E),
3	relative to second degree murder and manslaughter; to provide relative to certain
4	elements of second degree murder; to provide relative to certain elements of
5	manslaughter; to require the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to compile
6	certain information regarding those imprisoned under second degree murder; to
7	provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related
8	matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 14:30.1 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:31(A)(4) is
11	hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§30.1. Second degree murder
13	A. Second degree murder is the killing of a human being <u>under either of the</u>
14	following circumstances:
15	(1) When the offender has a specific intent to kill or to inflict great bodily
16	harm ; or .
17	(2) When the offender is engaged in the perpetration or attempted
18	perpetration of aggravated or first degree rape, forcible or second degree rape,
19	aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, aggravated kidnapping, second degree

kidnapping, aggravated escape, assault by drive-by shooting, armed robbery, first
 degree robbery, second degree robbery, simple robbery, cruelty to juveniles, second
 degree cruelty to juveniles, or terrorism, even though he has no intent to kill or to
 inflict great bodily harm.

(3) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled
dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled
Dangerous Substances Law, or any combination thereof, fentanyl or a mixture or
substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl or its analogues, or carfentanil
or a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of carfentanil or its
analogues, which is the direct cause of the death of the recipient who ingested or
consumed the controlled dangerous substance.

12 (4) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled 13 dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled 14 Dangerous Substances Law, or any combination thereof, fentanyl or a mixture or 15 substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl or its analogues, or carfentanil 16 or a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of carfentanil or its 17 analogues to another who subsequently distributes or dispenses such controlled 18 dangerous substance which is the direct cause of the death of the person who 19 ingested or consumed the controlled dangerous substance.

B.(1) Whoever commits the crime of second degree murder <u>as provided in</u>
 Paragraph (A)(1) shall be punished by <u>the minimum sentence of life imprisonment</u>
 <u>at hard labor with the first twenty-five years without benefit of parole, probation or</u>
 <u>suspension of sentence and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor</u>
 without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

25 (2) Whoever commits the crime of second degree murder as provided in
 26 Paragraph (A)(2) shall be punished by a sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor
 27 with the first twenty-five years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension
 28 of sentence.

1	§31. Manslaughter	
2	A. Manslaughter is:	
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4	(4) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled	
5	dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled	
6	Dangerous Substances Law, or any combination thereof, except for fentanyl or a	
7	mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl or its analogues, or	
8	carfentanil or a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of carfentanil	
9	or its analogues, which is the direct cause of the death of the recipient who ingested	
10	or consumed the controlled dangerous substance.	
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12	Section 2. R.S. 15:827.2(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:	
13	§827.2. Data collection and reporting requirements	
14	* * *	
15	E. The department shall compile and make publically available a list of all	
16	people within its custody imprisoned under R.S. 14:30.1 by September 1, 2021. The	
17	list shall include the date imprisonment began, the Department of Public Safety and	
18	Corrections identification number, and the parish in which the person was convicted.	
19	The department shall compile and make available to the public the list quarterly until	
20	September 1, 2022, and then annually thereafter.	
21	Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be given prospective application only.	
22	Section 4. This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2021.	

DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends elements of second degree murder and elements of manslaughter, and requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to compile a list to be made public of all people in its custody imprisoned under second degree murder by Sept. 1, 2021.

<u>Present law</u> provides that second degree murder is the killing of a human being:

- (1) When the offender has a specific intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm.
- (2) When the offender is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of aggravated or first degree rape, forcible or second degree rape, aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, aggravated kidnapping, second degree kidnapping, aggravated escape, assault by drive-by shooting, armed robbery, first degree robbery, second degree robbery, simple robbery, cruelty to juveniles, second degree cruelty to juveniles, or terrorism, even though he has no intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm.
- (3) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or any combination thereof, which is the direct cause of the death of the recipient who ingested or consumed the controlled dangerous substance.
- (4) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or any combination thereof, to another who subsequently distributes or dispenses such controlled dangerous substance which is the direct cause of the death of the person who ingested or consumed the controlled dangerous substance.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that whoever commits the crime of second degree murder shall be punished by life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that second degree murder occurs when the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses fentanyl or carfentanil or a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of either or of its analogues.

Present law provides relative to the crime of manslaughter and provides for penalties.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further specifies that manslaughter occurs when the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law or any combination thereof, except for fentanyl or carfentanil.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to compile a list to be made available to the public of all people in its custody imprisoned under second degree murder by Sept. 1, 2021.

<u>Proposed law</u> further requires that the list shall include the date imprisonment began, the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections identification number, and the parish in which that person was convicted.

<u>Proposed law</u> further requires that the list be made quarterly until Sept. 1, 2022, and then annually after.

Specifies that proposed law shall have prospective application only.

Effective Sept. 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 14:30.1; Adds R.S. 14:31(A)(4) and R.S. 15:827.2(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of</u> <u>Criminal Justice to the original bill:</u>
- 1. Make technical changes to the citations.
- 2. Specify that second degree murder occurs when the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses fentanyl or carfentanil or a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of either or of its analogues.
- 3. Specify that manslaughter occurs when the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law or any combination thereof, except for fentanyl or carfentanil.
- 4. Specify that <u>proposed law</u> has prospective application only.